



**Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Minutes, February 1, 2016; 4:30 PM
Council Chambers**

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 PM – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dobbs. Committee members present were Eric Ankrom and John Kelly. Others in attendance were Planning Director Robert Osborne, Karen Svenson [Chair, Mt. Desert Island Skatepark Association (MDISA)] and Katie Churchill (Clerk, MDISA), and College of Atlantic Student.

ITEM 2

A. Excused Absence(s): Alan Mogridge.

ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes available at this time.

ITEM 5

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. MDI Skatepark Association (MDISA) Skatepark Update.

Mses. Svenson and Churchill attended to update the Committee on the design for the new skate facility located at the Athletic Field. MDISA is seeking this Committee's endorsement. A diagram was provided that illustrates five phases of design to be constructed as funds become available. Currently there is a total of \$65,000 available for phase I. Ms. Svenson clarified that two pledges of that total are outstanding because the donors have been out of area. Included in the \$65,000 is an estimate of \$20,000 for the ground work. Bids for this work have been received from four local contractors and have come in at less than \$10,000.

The ground work would involve removal of existing material and replacing it with 200 cubic yards of engineered fill. Some of the removed material would be re-used. The planned overall design of all phases fits within the previously approved area. The tallest point of the skatepark is six feet. Mr. Ankrom inquired about the depth of the drop-off behind the six-foot height. Ms. Svenson or Ms. Churchill will find out and respond.

Fundraising will continue for additional phases. In-kind receipts (i.e., housing or reduced material costs) will make expansion possible. Berms would be dug up for expansion(s). MDISA will be discussing future phasing and will confirm with the design firm of Pillar Design Studies that future

phases are maintained at the current pricing. If only phase I is funded and constructed, it would be a fully functional skate park.

A geo survey was developed that aligns with the current drainage. It would be re-tested during construction. Pillar Design is in discussion with S. W. Cole Engineers of Bangor. Pillar Design would supervise construction in conjunction with Bar Harbor Public Works Director Chip Reeves.

Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to recommend to Town Council the approval of the skatepark design as submitted to this Committee on February 1, 2016; motion passed (3-0).

ITEM 6
NEXT MEETING DATE
March 7, 2016

ITEM 7
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis
Recording Secretary